

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-19 have been allowed.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 20-28 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4, 5, 10-15, 17, 18, 28, and 30-32 of copending Application Number 10/251,152.

Claims 20-32 and 35 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-27 of copending Application Number 11/077,577.

These rejections are moot as claims 20-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 20-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by either one of Chan et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0058328) or Chan et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0126820).

Claims 20-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chan et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0208554).

Claims 20-24 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Han et al (Nature Biotechnology 19: 631 (2001)).

These rejections are moot as claims 20-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 20-23, 26, 28-32, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mirkin et al (U.S. Patent Number 6,361,944) in view of Nygren et all (U.S. Patent Number 6,060,237).

These rejections are moot as claims 20-36 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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